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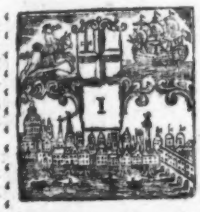
From my own CHAMBERS.

MY Readers are this Week obliged for their Entertainment to *two Female Correspondents*. The first tells a very *pathetic Story*, and hints at a *Parallel* which I hope does not exist. But let her speak for *Herself*.

To HENRY STONECASTLE, *Esq*;

SIR,



'BEg the Favour of you to insert the inclos'd in your next Spectator. I wish it may have the desir'd Effect on those Parents, who, like ROMEO in this Novel, oppress their Children to pleasure those Women who are like DOROTHEA. Not but I would have Men live happy with their second Adventures, but would not have them forget the Children they had by the first. A Hint from you may be of Service to those Fathers, especially to

'Your Correspondent's,

Feb. 14, 1744. MAXIA.

The UNFORTUNATE DAUGHTER; *or Cruel* STEP-MOTHER.

'AT *Meldorp*, in the Dutchy of *Holstein* in *Germany* liv'd a Gentleman, possess'd of a plentiful Estate, who had been many Years married to a Lady of good Fortune, by whom likewise he had several Children, who all died except one Son. This young Gentleman, after his Father's Death, enjoyed the Estate, and married a Lady of extraordinary Beauty, born of a noble Family, by whom he had one only Child, who is the Subject of this Story, and whose Name shall be called LEONORA.

'As the Mother was adorn'd with all good Qualifications, the Daughter was no ways deficient in them; but while she was in her tender Years, Providence called hence the fair Parent. Upon her Death Bed, she particularly requested her Spouse, to have an extraordinary Care whom he made Choice of, to act the Part of a *Mother* to LEONORA; she painted to him in the liveliest Colours the Misfortunes his Daughter was expos'd to, and desired him to have a tender Care how he discharged his Duty as a *Father*. She committed LEONORA to him, with many Tears in her Behalf, and expired in the Presence of an *inconsolable Husband*. He greatly regretted her Death, and lived several Years a Widower, without even Thoughts of Matrimony.

'But, alas! he cast his Eyes (unfortunately for the poor LEONORA,) on a Woman of a mean Extraction, unpossess'd of liberal Education, and who had not even good Manners to recommend her. Her he married, brought home, and decked in the Apparel of his late Lady: But she was no sooner in the Possession of ROMEO's House, (for that was the Name of LEONORA's Father,) before being puffed with Pride, and forgetting that she herself was but lately in Servitude, she made great Changes among the *Servants* in the Family, and even prevail'd with ROMEO to abandon LEONORA. Without any Cause, this unthinking Father forbad the Dear Virgin his Sight, only to oblige DOROTHEA his new Wife. This struck the unfortunate LEONORA with unspeakable Grief; she who was once the Darling of her Father's Soul, was now the most unhappy of Children. She was obliged to take her Abode with the Servants, and put up with

'The poor Innocent could now no longer bear the Distinction made by ROMEO between her and DOROTHEA: She left her Father's House, committing herself to Providence, taking with her only Pen, Ink, and Paper. She was so regardless of her future Life, that she did not provide Necessaries for the approaching Day, resolving rather to die for Want, than live with her Father's Displeasure. DOROTHEA was glad when she heard that LEONORA was gone; but ROMEO was struck with the natural and paternal Care of a Father to a Child. He sent Messengers in Search of LEONORA, but in vain: For they return'd without the least Tidings of her.

'ROMEO now called to Remembrance the Words of his first Lady; the tender Expressions used on her Death Bed on the Behalf of LEONORA came fresh into his Mind; he turn'd his Eyes from DOROTHEA, who was the Cause of LEONORA's Misery, and declared he would never see her more, and forbad her (for the Time they lived together) both his Bed and Table; saying, that he expected as bad Usage himself from her if 'twas in her Power, as she had caused his Daughter LEONORA.

'DOROTHEA endeavour'd to shew her Innocence (as she called it) but in vain; ROMEO's Command was absolute; she departed with heavy Sighs from him, and went into her Chamber with real Grief, which caused a Fever, of which she expired in a few Days.——

'But to return to LEONORA; After she had left her Father's House, and wander'd about for several Days, enduring the Inclemency of the Weather, living only on Berries and Nuts, the Produce of the Wood, she died through Want. But before she expired, she collected Strength to write as follows:

To MY EVER HONOUR'D *Father*.

'Honour'd SIR,

'*IF I have unfortunately offended you, I did it through Inadvertency, not knowingly; my being used in such a cruel Manner by my Step Mother, was the Cause of my leaving your House. I've endured Hunger for several Days past, besides great Inclemency of Weather, and finding myself in my last Moments, humbly beg you'll forgive your* LEONORA, *and let her have your Bless*—— (she would have writ *Blessing*.)

'One of ROMEO's Servants happen'd to be shooting in the Wood, and by Chance found LEONORA, with this Letter close by her, a Pen in her Hand, and lying extended on her left Side dead, tho' scarce cold. He carried her and the Letter to ROMEO, which the Inconsoleable Father read with Tears. After he had view'd her, and consider'd the Cause of her Death, he order'd her to be laid under a stately Canopy, where, to compleat the Tragedy, he fell upon his Sword, and expired.—But in his last Moments he forgot himself, and called with his dying Words on LEONORA.'

Nothing can be more inhumane than for *Man* or *Woman*, for the sake of any *new Passion*, to neglect their *former Offspring*, the Fruit of their *earlier* and more *disinterested Love*. Could I think this Paper might fall into the Hand of any such *Parent*, whose innocent Child now languish'd in *silent* and *dutiful Slavery*, I would endeavour to add *Arguments* to MARIA's Narrative, in order to rouse them from Insensibility and Forgetfulness; I would enumerate the *Imprecations* that will always descend on such a Head, tho' not from the *tender Sufferer*, yet from the *discerning World*, which looks upon this Want of natural Affection from the *Root* to the *Branch*, as more *monstrous*, because less common, than the Defect of it backwards from the *Branch* to the *Root*; I would describe the *Remorse* that must necessarily ensue, if ever *Reflection* returned, as a thousand to one it does at one Time or other, tho' perhaps not with that *desperate Violence* as is above related in the Person of ROMEO.

My other Lady has attempted something, which she designs as a Kind of *Satire against Marriage*, drawing her Arguments from the Subjection it puts the *Women* unde to the *Men*. I am afraid Mrs. ISABELLA wrote more from *Memory* than *Invention*, the Lines came to me so very unequal. However, as I do not just now remember to what *Author* she is oblig'd, and as she assures me it will be so *kindly taken*, I have run the whole over, and I hope made it tolerable for *once Reading*.

To the AUTHOR *of the* UNIVERSAL SPECTATOR.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'IF you think the following Lines worth inserting in your Paper, with what *Alterations* you think proper, in so doing you'll oblige many, especially

'Your constant Reader,

ISABELLA.

'HAPPY the *first of Females*, whose kind Fate
'Gave her at once *Life* and a *Marriage State!*
'She knew no *Pleasures* of a single Life,
'Nor fear'd those *Plagues* which do attend a Wife.
'She ne'er liv'd *free* for twenty Winters told,
'But in the *Dawn of Sense* her Freedom sold,
'Most *Maids* now see (which leaves them no Excuse)
'Their *Mothers* Bondage, 'ere *their own* they chuse:
'Yet no *Examples* will our Sex restrain,
'We *count* the Mischiefs which we should *refrain*.

'If in a *single Life* you find *one Curse*,
'*Marry*, and you will find *ten thousand* worse.
'Suppose the Man *young*, *beautiful*, and *kind*,
'*Rich*, and all else according to your Mind;
'Who unconcern'd can to the *Temple* go,
'Led like a *Victim* through the Streets for *Show?*
'Or who can bold before the *Altar* stand,
'And not shrink back when she should *give her Hand?*

'Do but consider *what* it is you give,
'The only Thing for which you wish to live:
'*'Tis* LIBERTY, which hers *no Wife* can say;
'For be she 'ere so *young*, so *fair*, so *gay*,
'She still is subject to the Word OBEY.
'The *fondest Kindness*, which at first may please,
'If it continues long, turns to *Disease*;
'For few Affections are there found so strong,
'But will decrease if you're a *Wife* too long.
'Besides, when *married*, 'tis your duteous Care,
'To mind your *Husband*, and each *House Affair*;
'Not as you us'd, your *young Companions* meet,
'But ask *him* leave, and go if *he* thinks fit:
'You, whom before a *thousand Slaves* might serve,
'Must cringe to *him*, and if *he* please, must starve.

'But you *deserve it all*, and were it more,
'For tamely thus resigning up your *Pow'r*.
'Who would, but *Woman*, from a Conquest fly,
'And meanly chuse in *Slavery* to die?
'Or to speak plainly of it, who would be
'A petty Houshold subject *Deity?*

'This *Lady* must excuse me; but I dare to say farther, that she has herself been *cross'd in Love*, which put the Thought into her Head of *writing against Marriage*. I have known Instances of this Kind in *both Sexes*, and have now by me Part of a *poetical Dialogue* upon the same Subject, written by a particular Friend of mine, who *married* before he had *finish'd his Piece*, and seems now a very happy Husband. I shall give *some Scraps* of a Work, that is never like to be more perfect, in *another Speculation*, not having Room for them in *this*.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Breslau, Feb. 14. Lieutenant-General Nassau lately transmitted to his Serene Highness the Prince of Anhalt Dessau, Generalissimo of his Majesty's Armies, the following Relation; which, by the Command of that Prince, has been render'd Publick, and is *verbatim* thus:

'I make my most humble Report to your Serene Highness; that on the 9th of this Month I made myself 'Master of Ratibor, between Four and Five in the

Afternoon, Sword in Hand. For not being willing to lose any Time after the surprizing of Radun, and being desirous to make the best Use possible of the Consternation of the Enemy, I continu'd my March directly towards Beneschau, Holtschin, and Oderberg; as well to draw the Enemy out of the Mountains of Moravia, into the Neighbourhood of Troppau, as to hinder the Delivery of 30,000 Rations of Forrage, and a great Quantity of Provisions, which the Inhabitants of the adjacent Country were order'd to bring in before the Close of the Month of February. With this View, I resolv'd to take Possession of the Castle of Oderberg, and to occupy also that of Holtschin; both which were happily perform'd on the 7th and 8th. I had detach'd on the 7th, the Regiment of Flans and Malachowski, with five Squadrons of Hussars, to discover, whether upon my occupying Oderberg, the Enemy had not abandon'd Ratibor. On the 8th I receiv'd Advice, that my Detachment found it absolutely impossible to advance any farther than Janowitz, the Enemy having two Days before receiv'd a Reinforcement of 1200 Pandours, and 1000 Hussars; which induc'd them to make a Shew of defending Ratibor to the last Extremity. I march'd on the 9th from Holtschin, with seven Battalions, and the two Regiments of Bronikowski and Natzmer, taking the Road of Linhowitz directly; and tho' there never was a March more fatiguing, yet by Four in the Afternoon, or a little after, the Troops were all assembled in the Neighbourhood of a little Chapel; so effectually was this Affair concluded. The Enemy had drawn out of the Town the best Part of their Hussars and Pandours, and encamp'd them without the Suburbs, who attack'd our Van Guard as soon as it came in Sight; but were so ill receiv'd, that they left a great Number of Prisoners. Our last Regiments being come up, we proceeded, without Delay, to attack the Suburbs in three different Places; and after a sharp Defence, the Enemy began to recline, and to labour all they could to get safe into the Town. Our Hussars, who were very eager, push'd on with such Warmth, that they enter'd the Place at the same Time; upon which the Enemy fled, in great Confusion, over the great Bridge; part of which they broke down, to secure themselves from our Pursuit. The Waters being so high, occasion'd by the melting the Snows, and the great Rains, and the Oder overflowing, had render'd the Roads impassable; so that all the Baggage they had sent away before, was either lost, or the Carriages stuck fast in the Morasses. Of 2200 Men, there are not above 50 got away; the rest have sav'd themselves here and there upon Hillocks and Trees, where they must remain 'till they are fetch'd away. This Morning, at Break of Day, I gave Notice of their Situation to Major-General Munchow, and desir'd him to send Boats, Planks, Ladders, and other Necessaries; by the Help of which, our Parties have already brought in upwards of 300. A Multitude of Hussars and Pandours have been drown'd, and the rest must be oblig'd to return, to avoid the same Fate. This Situation of Things will not allow me to write very particular; but I hope speedily to make your Serene Highness amends for this hasty and incorrect Account.

Ratibor, Feb. 10, 1745. DE NASSAU.

Hague, Feb. 23. The Design of Mr. Trevor's Voyage to London was not only to give his Britannick Majesty an Account of all the Conferences which the Earl of Chesterfield has had with the Members and Deputies of the State, as well as with divers Foreign Ministers here, but also to deliver to that Monarch the Treaty of Quadruple Alliance concluded at Warsaw the 8th of last Month, in order to accelerate the King's Ratification thereof, and procure it the Sanction of the P——, which the King of Poland and the other Allies are very earnest to get speedily done, that they may be able to invite, before the Opening of the Campaign, other Powers to accede to the said Treaty, as is stipulated therein, and in particular the Empress of Russia, the three Ecclesiastick Electors, and other German Princes. Many People look upon this Accession as good as done, and it is upon these Grounds that the Publick Papers give out, that the Troops which the Court of Russia assembles, are destin'd to act wherever the Allies of Warsaw shall think proper. Nevertheless, it is certain, that there is yet no Agreement made with the Empress on this Head; and we are likewise inform'd, that her Imperial Majesty is fully resolv'd to furnish no Troops to any Power whatever without a reasonable Subsidy, and has explain'd herself accordingly: So that the Earl of Chesterfield has proposed to the States-General, that they should bear a Part of the Subsidy to be agreed upon with that Princess, for a Body of 30 or 40,000 Men, in case she accedes to the Treaty of Warsaw. To which Proposal their High Mightinesses have made Answer, as we are assur'd, that they could not engage farther in the Payment of any Subsidies; that they have hitherto acted to the utmost of their Power; that the Republick was far from being in so good a Condition as in the last War; and that she had gone great Lengths in taking upon herself one Third of the Subsidy stipulated for the King of Poland: So that the Court of Vienna not being able to contribute towards the Subsidy which the Russian Court will require, if the Allies of Warsaw want the Empress to furnish them with any Troops, it follows, that for the Good of the Common Cause, Great Britain must be at the whole Expence. We are very well persuaded that she will not hesitate to take it upon herself, this new Succour being so much wanted to make Head against the Allies of Francfort, who might take Measures very different from those which they seem resolv'd to pursue, if it should take Place, unless France, who is at the whole Expence of this League of Francfort, should step in between and take the Russian Troops into her Pay. In the mean Time both Sides are negotiating to gain their Ends, and we shall soon see which will carry the Point. As to the rest, they wait here for his Britannick Majesty's Answer concerning the Operations of the approaching Campaign, about which they seem to be agreed, the Plan having been concerted with their High Mightinesses and the Ministers of the Courts of London and Vienna, &c.

We are assur'd that the Subsidy granted to the King of Poland amounts to 1,500,000 Florins of Holland.

Hague, Feb. 26. M. de Dieu has at last receiv'd his Instructions, and is going to set out for Petersbourg: The principal Point of the Commission he is to execute there, is to join with the British, Austrian, and Saxon Ministers, in the Invitation that is to be given to the Empress to accede to the Treaty of Warsaw of the 8th of January, and to put the finishing Hand to the Treaty that has been so long on the Tapis for furnishing a Body of Russian Troops to the Queen of Hungary and her Allies, to be employ'd wherever they shall think fit, in Consideration of a yearly Subsidy, which is rated at 100,000 l. Sterling for every 10,000 Men, one Fourth of which is to be Cavalry. It is reported here, that the Lord Tyrawley, the British Embassador in Russia, has lately writ, that every Thing was ready for the Conclusion of the Treaty; and they add, that the King of Prussia was so alarm'd at the first Advice he receiv'd of it, that he immediately dispatch'd Orders to the Prince of Anhalt-Dessau, to detach 17 Regiments of Foot from his Army, and march them directly into Prussia, whither some other Troops are likewise commanded to repair, in order to secure that Part of his Dominions from any Enterprizes the Russians might form against it. We shall soon get further Light into these Facts, the Truth of which many People call in Question; because it does not seem credible, that the King of Prussia would have ventur'd to assert, in his Rescripts to his Ministers at Foreign Courts, that he was very sure of the Empress of Russia's Dispositions in his Favour, and could even depend upon her Assistance in case of need, had not such Assurances been really given him. As for the rest, it is still affirm'd here, that their High Mightinesses are willing to employ their good Offices for bringing the Treaty in Question to bear, and even to become contracting Parties in it, but without any Way contributing towards the Subsidy that is to be stipulated therein.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Feb. 18. Yesterday Morning died, after a tedious Illness, the Right Hon. Henrietta Lady Napier, second Daughter to the late Charles Earl of Hoptoun.

We hear likewise that the Right Hon. the Earl of Galloway died some Time ago at his Seat in that County.

We have the melancholy News from Perth, that on Sunday Morning, between One and Two, a terrible Fire broke out there, by which two Tenements were burnt down, in which eight Families dwelt; and to add to the Calamity, one of the Families, consisting of seven Persons, were burnt to death. One of the Houses was of Timber, which occasion'd so great a Heat, that the Windows of the opposite Side took Fire.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Hull, Feb. 18. A Ship came here Yesterday from Sunderland with Coals, bound to Wells, who was taken by a French Privateer of ten Guns, and had five Men and a Boy put on board, in order to carry her to Dunkirk; but she proving leaky, they surrender'd themselves Prisoners to the Mate, and another Englishman left on board, and are now in Prison here, and well taken Care of: Several Gentlemen go to see them, and give them Money.

LONDON.

We hear that among the many Proposals that are soon to be offer'd to Parliament for raising a Fund to discharge the Arrears of his Majesty's Civil List, there will be one for laying an additional Tax of 6 d. on each Pack of Cards, which 'tis hoped will meet with no Opposition, as being the least burthensome on the Poor.

The William and Mary and Carolina Yatchts are order'd to be got ready forthwith, in order to carry over his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland to Flanders.

We hear that the Right Hon. the Earl of Dunmore is to have the Command in Flanders under his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland.

We hear that the Right Hon. the Lord Cathcart; the Lord Bury, Son to the Earl of Albemarle; the Hon. Capt. York, Son to the Right Hon. the Lord High Chancellor; and Mr. Pointz; are appointed Aid-de-Camps to his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland.

We hear that the Lord Henry Beauclerk is to have General Handasyd's Regiment of Foot, and the Earl of London is to have Lord Henry Beauclerk's Regiment of Marines.

Mr. Henry Major, of Doctors Commons, one of the Procurators General of the Arches Court of Canterbury, and a Proctor of his Majesty's High Court of Admiralty, is appointed Clerk or Actuary to the Reverend the Clergy of the Lower House of Convocation, with the Approbation of the Most Reverend his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, President.

The Lords of the Admiralty have appointed Capt William Fielding of the Pearl Man of War, to be Captain of the St. George of ninety Guns, now at Portsmouth.

Mr. Norman Ring is appointed Gunner and Engineer to the Fort of Sheerness.

Tuesday Edward Wager, Esq; was appointed Storekeeper and Inspector of the Forts on the Coasts of Kent, Sussex and Hampshire.

The Lords of the Admiralty have appointed Lord George Graham to be Captain of the Yarmouth, a 70 Gun Ship.

A commodious Harbour is order'd to be made (pursuant to a Plan for that Purpose) from Sandwich into the Downs, near Sandown Castle, for the Reception of Merchant Ships and Men of War of 60 and 70 Guns each. And his Majesty's several Surveyors are order'd to take an Estimate of the Charge thereof.

The Lords of the Admiralty have order'd the Devonshire Man of War, lately rebuilt at Woolwich, to be launch'd on Friday the 8th of March next.

Their Lordships have likewise order'd the Terror Bomb, lost in a Storm off Dungeness the 10th of February 1743, to be rebuilt with all Expedition.

The Affair of Admiral Lestock, as to his Conduct in the late Action in the Mediterranean, between the combin'd Fleets of France and Spain, is order'd to be inquir'd into.

Monday his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales appointed William Bromfield, Esq; Surgeon to St. George's Hospital, to be Surgeon to his Person, in the room of John Wredon, Esq;

We hear that Orders are issued that no Persons, of any Distinction whatever, be permitted to pay any Visit to M. Belleisle, or his Brother, during their Confinement at Windsor Castle, without Leave first obtain'd.

Thursday se'nnight Thomas Tash, Esq; Son of the late Sir John Tash, was married at Guildhall Chapel to Miss Honora Calvert, Sister of Sir William Calvert, Knight and Alderman, a very agreeable Lady with a Fortune of 15,000 l. After the Ceremony the new married Couple set out for Mr. Tash's Seat in Hertfordshire.

On Saturday Morning Mr. William Mundee, an eminent and wealthy Distiller on St. Margaret's Hill, Southwark, was married at St. Paul's Cathedral, by the Rev. Dr. Slocock, to Miss Elizabeth Hammond of Teddington, a young Lady of the most agreeable Temper, fine Accomplishments, and a very considerable Fortune.

On Saturday last was married John Nichols Raynsford, of Brickworth in Northamptonshire, Esq; the present High Sheriff of that County, to Miss Dolben, Eldest Daughter of the Rev. Sir John Dolben of Thingdon, Bart. one of the Prebendaries of the Cathedral of Durham; a very agreeable Lady, with a considerable Fortune.

Yesterday se'nnight died at Bath, after a short Indisposition, Henry-Somerset Scudamore, Duke of Beaufort, Marquess and Earl of Worcester, &c. On the 28th of June, 1729, his Grace married Frances, only Child and Heir to Sir James Scudamore of Home-Lacy in the County of Hereford, Bart. by whom he had no Issue: On the 10th of June, 1729, he was elected High-Steward of the City of Hereford; and in 1730 an Act was pass'd in Parliament for his Grace and his Dutchess, and her Children, to take the additional Surname and bear the Arms of Scudamore, pursuant to a Settlement made by her Grace's Father. He is succeeded in his Honours by his Brother, Lord Noel Somerset.

A few Days since died at Portsmouth, on board the Happy Deliverance, Capt. Grose, in the African Company's Service, the oldest Commander in their Trade, and a Man well respected by all that knew him.

Last Week died, at his House near Hammersmith Brigadier-General Handasyd, Brother to Major-General Handasyd, and Colonel of a Regiment of Foot.

A few Days ago died, at his Seat in Carmarthenshire, Sir Thomas Stepney, Bart. who represented that County in Parliament several Years: He married Margaret, Sister and Coheir to Walter Vaughan, of Llanelithy in the said County, Esq; by whom he had Issue one Son, now Sir John Stepney, Bart.

A few Days ago died, at her Seat at Mobberley in Cheshire, Lady Sarah Duckingfield, Relict of Sir Charles Duckingfield, Bart. by whose Death an Estate of 5000 l. a Year devolves to her only Son, Sir Charles Duckingfield, Bart. now at Cambridge.

Last Week died, at his Seat at Ashley in Cheshire, Thomas Ashton, Esq; a Gentleman possess'd of an Estate of 4000 l. a Year in that County, and always firmly attach'd to the true Interest of his Country: His Estate devolves to his Son, Thomas Ashton, Esq; a young Gentleman now at the University of Oxford.

On Saturday last died, at his House at Lambeth, the Rev. Mr. Read, Curate of that Church; a Gentleman well respected by all that knew him.

Last Saturday died at Gravesend the Rev. Mr. John Arbuthnot, one of the Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge, who was going to visit his Brother, a Captain in Fonsonby's Regiment of Foot now in Flanders.

On Monday last died at his House in Tokenhouse-Yard, Lothbury, Mr. Wells, an eminent Merchant of this City.

Last Saturday died, at her House in Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, possess'd of an Estate of near 1000 l. per Annum, Mrs. Batt, Relict of Mr. Batt, late of Devonshire-Square, without Bishopsgate, many Years an eminent Merchant of this City.

The Master and Fellows of Trinity College in Cambridge, have presented the Rev. Thomas Symonds, M. A. Fellow of the said College, and Curate of the Chapel of Gosport in Hampshire, to the Living of Kendal in Westmorland, worth 250 l. per Ann.

We hear from Oxford, that on Saturday last the Rev. Mr. John Browne, B. D. Archdeacon of Peterborough and Rector of Long Compton in Warwickshire, was elected Master of University College, in the room of Dr. Cockman, deceas'd.

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Plate of Silver and the Image found some time Barkway in Hertfordshire, (as mention'd in one former Papers) were carry'd to John Jennings, ord of the Manor, who sent them to the Royal ; by whom they have been examin'd, and are to be the most antient and greatest Curiosities ve been found for many Ages past.

hear from Oxford, that the University have s'd a most valuable Ægyptian Antiquity, a Porphyry Bath, of Dr. Perry, who not long since brought it from Ægypt with other Curiosities.

Circuit appointed for the following Counties in *North Wales*.

Rogers Holland, Esq;
Thomas Martyn, Esq;

Merionethshire, Monday, April 8, at Bala.
Carnarvonshire, Saturday, April 13, at Conway.
Anglesey, Friday, April 19, at Beaumaurice.

It having been represented to his Majesty that a Mill-house, called Langley-Mill, in the Parish of Halsted in the County of Essex, belonging to Thomas Ruggles, of Bocking, Bay-maker, was, between Twelve and One o'Clock in the Morning of the 19th of this Instant February, broke open by several Persons armed with Fire Arms and other Weapons, and disguised, who cut to Pieces a long Bay then upon the Tenter, threw divers Bays into the Mill-hole, destroyed the Rowing Mill, together with sundry Utensils for dressing of the said Goods, and did other great Damages to the said Thomas Ruggles, declaring, when they went away, that if the Rowing Mill was repair'd, they would come there again, and murther all whom they should find working there: His Majesty for the better discovering the Persons concerned therein, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon, to any one of the Offenders who shall discover his Accomplices, so as they, or any of them, be apprehended and convicted thereof.

Monday, about One o'Clock in the Afternoon, a Fire broke out in the Workhouse of one Mr. Radburn, in Thomas-street, Coverley-Fields, which consumed the same, and a House adjoining, before it could be extinguish'd.

Last Week a most melancholy Accident happen'd at the Royal Foundery at Woolwich, where, by Accident, an old Bomb-shell, which had some Days before been landed from on Board one of the Tenders, and whose Charge had not been drawn, took Fire, and bursting, it wounded six of the Matrosses so dangerously, that two are since dead; the third has had both his Legs and his Right Arm cut off; and if the others should live, the Surgeons are of Opinion, they never can recover the Use of all their Limbs.

On Sunday Night as one Mr. Wood, a Peruke-maker in Glouceſter-Street, was coming from Pancras, he was attack'd by three Fellows, well dress'd, who robb'd him of half a Guinea and four Shillings.

Monday William Bailey was committed to Newgate by Sir Thomas De Veil, for burglariously breaking open the Stables of his Grace the Duke of Bolton, and afterwards breaking open a Door and Box in the said Stables, and taking out of it a Quantity of Wearing Apparel; which was not the Design they went upon, for they intended to rob the Duke's House of the Plate, and other valuable Effects, but were disturb'd by a Servant, who just at that Time was shutting up the Windows, as one of the Accomplices, who has made himself an Evidence for his Majesty, has declar'd. And upon the Oath of the said Evidence, he, together with the said William Bailey, did assault a Gentleman about two Years and a half ago, about Twelve o'Clock at Night, and knock'd him down, at the Corner of St. Martin's Lane, and robb'd him of one Shilling, a Silver Pocket-Piece, a Hat and Wig, which they shar'd between them.

Yesterday se'nnight a notorious Highwayman, carry'd before Sir Thomas De Veil only upon an Assault, suspecting that several Circumstances would denote (by his Prosecutor's Information) some of the Facts he had committed in a felonious and burglarious Way, thought fit to make himself a voluntary Evidence against several of his Accomplices; particularly, that he, together with John Eagle, went from London to Shrewsbury about three or four Years ago, in order to commit Robberies; and being told there that the Collector of that Place was going to London with a large Sum of Money, he and his Accomplice met him between Newport and Eversey-Bank, and robb'd him of 300 l. which they shar'd between them; soon after which two Persons were taken up, convicted, and hang'd, for that Fact.

He has also discover'd the Persons concern'd with him in breaking open and feloniously taking out of the Dwelling-House of Mr. Nathan Smith, Brasier and Chapman, in Southwark, on the 21st of December last, the Sum of 514 l. a Bank Note of 20 l. and a large Quantity of Cambricks, Hollands, Long Lawns, Irish and other Linnens, with other Goods, to the Value of 800 l. and upwards.

Admiral Medley with the Men of War, East-India and other outward-bound Ships under his Convoy, sail'd from St. Helen's early on Sunday Morning, and at Noon, when the Post came away, they were all out of Sight.

A Piece of Ground is purchas'd at Portsmouth, on which an Hospital is order'd to be erected as soon as possible, large enough to hold 1500 sick and wounded Seamen.

The King William Privateer, of Bristol, Capt. Cornish, is return'd to that Port from a three Months Cruize, but last from Waterford, and brings certain Advice, that an Embargo is laid on all Ships at Cork; which, 'tis suppos'd, is owing to the great Number of Provision Ships from that Place being taken by the French Men of War and Privateers: On which Account 'tis thought that no Provision Ship will be suffer'd to depart from thence without a Convoy, which will be the only Means to prevent their falling into the Hands of the French.

The Unity, Corbet, of London, from Shields for London, was taken the 5th Instant by a French Privateer, off Whitby: The Master went for the Ransom, and the Ship put back to Shields. Another Ship was also taken at the same Time, but retaken by the Gibraltar Man of War.

The John Galley, Craige, from Boston for London, who was taken by a French Privateer of St. Malo's, is since retaken by the Wilmington Privateer, Capt. Snow, and brought into Jersey.

A Brig from Scotland, laden with Salmon and ot Fish, has been taken close to the Bar of Tinmouth Haven.

The Catherine, Stevens, from Faro for London, is taken by a French Privateer of 36 Guns, and carried into Port Louis.

The Katherine, Stevens, from Faro for London, is taken and carry'd into Port Louis.

The John Thoume, from Waterford for Guernsey, is taken and carried into Cherburgh.

The Ruth and Anne, William Hayward, Master, laden with Hambourg Staves, was taken the 11th Instant at Night, in the Five Fathom Channel near the Flats, suppos'd to be boarded by a Privateer who lurk'd amongst the Sands.——We may expect to hear of many more Losses of the same Kind, as small Vessels are daily passing thereabouts.

On Monday last a Court of Admiralty was held at Doctors-Commons, when the Turene, a French Prize, Francis Amand, Master, taken by the Suffolk Man of War and carry'd into Plymouth, was condemn'd as a legal Capture.

Extract of a Letter from Dartmouth, Feb. 22.

'The 20th Instant came in here the St. Peter, Jacobson, of Norway, from Bourdeaux for Rotterdam, and sail'd again this Day; she was visited by a large Privateer of St. Malo's, who behav'd very civilly to her; and afterwards by a small Snow belonging to Havre-de-Grace, two Leagues from Falmouth, who plunder'd her of a Hogshead of Wine, and a Hogshead of Brandy, besides a great many other Things, and then dismiss'd her. His Majesty's Ship the Lark, with the Trade for Newfoundland, &c. are now off this Port.'

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, Feb. 23. His Majesty has been pleased to declare his Intention of giving the Command in Chief of the Troops in his Majesty's Service in Flanders, for the ensuing Campaign, to his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland.

Whitehall, Feb. 23. His Majesty has been pleased to grant unto William Beauchamp Proctor, in the County of Norfolk, Esq; the Dignity of a Baronet of the Kingdom of Great Britain.

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